

having a different value or different mill levies in the various communities. Also adopted was the elimination of the sworn testimony, statements of three doctors for the totally disabled veteran. I think that's a little cumbersome and the committee thought so also, to have the sworn statement of three doctors. One doctor should suffice. Now in the case of veterans again, not necessarily being a local doctor, it could be a doctor from the Veterans' Hospital also. Now the homestead act was amended further for the administrative purpose to place the duty upon the person applying for the homestead exemption to initiate the application to the County Assessor before April 1. The time table was wrong in the original bill so the change is to coincide with the other timetables of the Assessor and of the County officials. This change was also made. However, not to jeopardize those people who have filed or will be filing under the intent of the law which was passed a year ago, they can qualify for this first year at either one of the time tables. The amendment was adopted in the committee which allowed the Tax Commissioner the right to present evidence at the hearing regarding the eligibility for homestead exemption if the Tax Commissioner was involved in the original disqualification. The County Board was required to notify the Tax Commissioner of an appealed hearing by an applicant of the Tax Commissioner or his representative and then finally, the committee adopted an amendment that a person who filed either for homestead exemption and is disqualified for whatever particular reason, for the exemption filed for, he will be granted the next highest exemption. There are certain mechanical difficulties in the filing for the homestead exemption which can be qualified to under four different

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